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NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.

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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 500,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 21, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. R. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 31st of July, 1876.

SAYLE & Co.
Hongkong, March 16, 1877. ap16

NOTICE.

M. R. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. OAKINS, Surveyor to Local Offices, and Licenses Register of Shipping, 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. se18

NOTICE.

M. R. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.
MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIENS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRUIKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Under-signed under the name of MESTERY & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERY, W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 23rd March, 1877, at Noon,—

An Invoice Counting House Stationery, comprising: Cream and Blue Laid Post and Note Paper, Blue Laid Foolscap, Blotting Paper, Blank Account Books, Steel Pens, Pencils, Inkstands, Rulers, Paint Boxes, &c.
Cash Boxes, Trays, Watch Glasses, Wall Paper, Felt Hats, Silk Umbrellas, Towels.

Also,

Iron Chests.
20 boxes California Apples.
8 " Pears.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 20, 1877. mc23

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 29th March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.—

ON THE SPOT

(Unless previously disposed of by Private Sale).

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 54, comprising 10,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 100 feet, and from East to West 100 feet, with a substantial Brick Dwelling House and Out-houses built thereon, known as "Carlton House." Annual Crown Rent, \$131.40.

And,

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet, with a substantial Brick Godown built thereon.

Also,

That Piece or Unbuilt Levelled GROUND, attached to the above Lot, and Registered in Land Office as same Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet. Annual Crown Rent, \$135.08, for Inland Lot No. 768.

TERMS.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the remainder on completion of the Deed of Transfer. The Buildings will be at purchaser's risk after the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 13, 1877. mc20

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL.

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1863.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

ERNEST WASSILL & Co., PHOTOGRAPHERS.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC Co., under the above Style.

ERNEST WASSILL.

Hongkong, March 8, 1877. ap1

AM YON, SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.

No. 57, Praya Wen.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1876.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the Consulate all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul, G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.

Hongkong, December 14, 1876.

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been Appointed SOLE AGENTS for China and Japan, for JOSEPH STARKY, LONDON, Manufacturer of GOLD and SILVER LACES, Embroidery, &c., and Military and Naval appointments of every description.

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on hand, for the Regiments stationed here, as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN NAVIES.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

NOTICE.

NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBOLDI," will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this Company has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1866. CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STEELING. RESERVE FUND, £340,000.

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the BUSINESS of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr. A. MUIVER as its AGENT in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

A. MUIVER, Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 18, 1877. au17

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situate between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tendons for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next. For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. O. PRESGRAVE, Municipal Secretary, Penang, Municipal Office, The 31st September, 1876.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMMENCING on FRIDAY Next, the 16th Instant, the Steamer, "POWAN" will Run as a Night Boat between HONGKONG and CANTON, leaving Hongkong on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 5.30 p.m., and Canton on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, at 5.00 p.m.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON, No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, begs to inform his Friends that he intends being ABSENT from HONGKONG for Six or Eight Weeks, leaving early in APRIL.

Hongkong, March 12, 1877.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS, Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

Mr. ANYON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr. FAT JACK, at 30, Ring Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877. ap19

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately

rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at

reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. st

New Ready.

"THE CHINA REVIEW"

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Annual Subscription, Six Dollars and

a Half.

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A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect.

"Watching Spirals."

Chinese Folk-lore.

Yin and Yang, according to Aristotle.

Plagium English.

Goethe's "Werther" in China.

Chinese Music.

White Ants.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office, Hongkong, March 20, 1877.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

ANY CLAIMS against the British Ship "SIR HARRY PARKES," must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon of FRIDAY, the 23rd Instant, or they will not be recognized.

MELOHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 21, 1877. mc28

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.

On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard.
DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard.
DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard.
DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard.
DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.

FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES' BOYS' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price.

FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.

100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.

Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMNANTS, comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOES, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 28th.

SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE.

JUST LANDED EX S. S. "Hesperia."

H. PIPER & Co.'s Celebrated CHAMPAGNE: CARTE BLANCHE and CARTE DOREE in Qts. and Pints.

—Also—

The well known OTARD DUFFY & Co.'s BRANDY in Cases of 12 qt. Bottles and a Small Lot of MEDOC CLARET in qt. Bottles.

Apply to L. L. BUSH.

Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

FOR SALE, AT CANTON.

A STEAM COTTON MILL, well adapted for Working Native COTTON, either NINGPO or TIENSIN. Capable of Making 3 piculs of Yarn in 12 hours, consisting of—

Steam Engine and Boiler 15 Horse Power
Nominal, 1,200 Spindles, 12 Carding and 2 Drawing Machines, 1 Speeder 15 Spindles, 1 Stretcher 60 Spindles, 1 Lap Machine, 1 Cotton Gin, Bobbing &c., with shafting and Belting Complete.

For Further Particulars and Terms of Sale, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I. A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "TAIWAN," Captain M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on

SUNDAY, the 26th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 21, 1877. mc26

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship "RADNORSHIRE," expected on or about the 23rd Instant, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to H. KLER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship "MENZALEH," will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on FRIDAY, the 23rd instant, at 6 p.m.
H. DU POUY, Agent.
Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc23

FOR HOIHOW.

The Steamship "WASHI," Captain A. Hunter, will be despatched as above SATURDAY, 24th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc24

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship "DJEMNAH," will be despatched for SHANGHAI on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.
H. DU POUY, Agent.
Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc24

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "VIKING," Capt. Castle, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at 1 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc24

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamship "SALVADORA," Capt. Horna, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 26th instant, at 10 a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BRANDAO & Co.
Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc26

FOR SAIGON.

The British Steamship "CYPRUS," Capt. Wood, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 28th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to H. YON, 87, Praya.
Hongkong, March 22, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. DJEMNAH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Craig*, forth and *Euphrates*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 5 o'clock To-day, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining undelivered after 28th March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUY, Agent.
Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc29

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Viking*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Undersigned at their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama unless notice to the contrary is received before Noon To-day.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 28th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 22, 1877. mc29

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
ALDEN BESSE, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Rosario & Co.
FORMOSA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. G. Schwaer.—Melchers & Co.
MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plumer.—Slumson & Co.
ROSENA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
PAROLA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. H. W. Lumb.—Landstein & Co.
ESMO, British barque, Capt. George W. Toser.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 21, *Washi*, British steamer, 263, A. Hunter, Baiphong March 18, General.—Landstein & Co.
March 22, *Djemnah*, French steamer, 2418, Champenois, Marseilles Feb. 11, Aden 18, Galle March 6, Singapore 16, and Saigon 18, Malle and General.—Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
March 22, *Salvadora*, Spanish steamer, 615, Domingo Horna, Manila March 19, General.—Brandao & Co.
March 22, *Pungching*, Chinese steamer, 661, R. Gibson, Shanghai March 18, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
March 22, *Yangtze*, British steamer, 783, E. Schubert, Saigon March 16, Rice.—Jensen & Co.

ARRIVALS.

March 22, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, 789, Hogg, Saigon March 17, Rice.—Jensen & Co.
March 22, *San Francisco*, German sch. 250, G. Samet, Singapore Jan. 11, Timber.—Jensen & Co.
March 22, *Esmo*, British barque, 369, Toser, Sydney (N.S.W.) Jan. 24, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 22, H.M.S. *Fly*, for a cruise.
22, *Helene*, for Keelung.
22, *Signal*, for Hilo.
22, *Hongkong*, for Chefoo.
22, *Sumatra*, for San Francisco.
22, *Yungching*, for Canton.
22, *Anadyr*, for Marseilles, &c.
22, *Normanby*, for Australian Ports via Singapore.
22, H.M.S. *Hornet*, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Bua Caco, for Bangkok.
Sarah Nicholson, for Manila.
E. van Beutels, for Chefoo.
Wodan, for Chefoo.
Washi, for Hoihow.
Ching-too, for Takao.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Djemnah*, for Hongkong, from Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. F. Burgess Smith, Mr. G. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Land and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hauschild, Messrs. Forbes, Angus, Kammerer, and Scheible; from Galle, Mr. Troup; from Saigon, Mr. Giraud, and 68 Chinese; from Singapore, Princess de Liechtenstein, and de Montenuovo, and M. Carbet, and 30 Marines; For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Devoria, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, Messrs. Orranger and Taintor; from Saigon, Messrs. Lacroix, Lambert, Conbaut, de Kerneffon, de Kergos, and d'Anrieux Darnard del Fleury, For Yokohama: from Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Pierret, Mr. Torringia; from Galle, Mr. Mullenmann.
Per *Washi*, from Haiphong, 28 Chinese.
Per *Salvadora*, from Manila, 118 Chinese, 2 Manilamen, and 24 Europeans.
Per *Yungching*, from Shanghai, 28 Chinese.
Per *Yangtze*, from Saigon, 5 Chinese.
Per *Chinkiang*, from Saigon, 2 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Anadyr*, for Saigon, Messrs. Wibant Theodore and Fage Jean, Ramabally and 1 friend; for Singapore, Mr. Francisco Reyes; for Colombo, Lieut. Chamberlaine; for Marseilles, Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy and servant, Mr. and Mrs. Ueseda, Mr. and Mrs. Piton and 2 children, Miss Delano, Mrs. Carroll and 4 children and servants, and Messrs. Hitch, Ramon Cordero, and Grey.—From Shanghai: for Marseilles, Mr. Noel Smith, Mrs. Russell and two children and amah, Mrs. J. W. Muller and child and amah, Mr. J. W. S. Flig; Mr. and Mrs. Smith and child, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and four children and amah, Messrs. J. Webster and Andre Victor.
Per *Normanby*, for Sydney, Mr. R. Kent and 54 Chinese; for Cooktown, 91 Chinese; for Cleveland Bay, 1 Chinese; for Rockhampton, 10 Chinese; for Brisbane, 72 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Washi*, for Hoihow, 1 European and 20 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Washi* reports: Calm and thick foggy weather.
The Chinese steamer *Yungching* reports: First part light S.W. winds and calm, latter part calm and foggy.
The British steamer *Yangtze* reports: The first part very bad weather, and was detained outside Hongkong ten hours owing to thick fog.
The British steamer *Chinkiang* reports: Left Saigon at 4.30 p.m. the 17th inst., and arriving in Hongkong at noon on the 22nd. Had strong Easterly gale and head sea as far as Cape Padaran, thence to port light variable winds and fine weather.

CARGO.

Per *Anadyr*, sailed 22nd March, 1877:—For Continent, 825 bales Silk, 10 bales Waste Silk, 19 cases Silk, 300 boxes Tea, and 477 pkgs. Sundries. For London, 702 bales Silk, 1,795 half-chests, 2,629 boxes and 2,065 pkgs. Tea, 56 bales Pungum, 42 cases Silk, 4,229 bags Sugar, 14 cases Treasure (\$286,680), and 712 pkgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For KUNGHOW AND PAHOL:—

Per H.M.S. *SHEN-CHI*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 23rd inst.

For BANGKOK:—

Per *DANUBE*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 23rd inst.

For HOIHOW:—

Per *WASHI*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 23rd inst.

For YOKOHAMA:—

Per *MENZALEH*, at 8 p.m. To-morrow, the 23rd inst.

For SHANGHAI:—

Per *DJEMNAH*, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 24th inst. Late letters received from 11.10 to 11.30.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW:—

Per *TATWAN*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 24th inst.

For AMOY AND MANILA:—

Per *SALVADORA*, at 9.30 a.m., on Monday, the 25th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *BELGIO* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 27th April, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

9 a.m. Registry of Letters closes.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m. Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage until

2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

General Post Office.

Hongkong, March 22, 1877. ap5

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET:—

The English Contract Packet *KASUGAR* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 29th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 28th instant:—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 29th instant:—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom

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Hongkong, March 16, 1877. mc29

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET:—

The French Contract Packet *PEIHO* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 29th April, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

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Thursday, April 5:—

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10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

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Hongkong, March 22, 1877. ap5

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 13, *Rurik*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

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Dec. 19, *Channel Queen*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 20, *Chinaman*, from London to Hongkong.

Dec. 22, *Sophie*, from New York to Hongkong.

Dec. 23, *Inc*, from Greenock to Swatow.

Dec. 23, *John Nicholson*, from New York to Shanghai.

Dec. 27, *Undine*, from London to Shanghai.

Dec. 29, *Olyses* (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai, (at Singapore, repairing).

Dec. 29, *Canaan*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 4, *C. R. Bishop*, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 11, *Windhover*, from London to Shanghai.

Jan. 12, *Woodhall*, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Jan. 12, *Hope*, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 16, *Gryle*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 18, *Bataria*, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Jan. 31, *Roadrunner* (str.), from London to China and Japan (left Singapore on 16th March).

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Feb. 2, *Polynesia*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 3, *Antenor* (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai (left Singapore on 16th Mar.)

Feb. 5, *Carrials*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 8, *Daphne*, from London to Hongkong.

LOADING FOR OKINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London:—*Shamers* via Suez Canal.

Argentine. Glenarney.

Flours Castle. Glenara.

Sailing Vessels.

Sir Lantolot. Baited Will.

City of Aberdeen. Penrit.

Antwerp. Enid.

Scindia. Onaka.

Commissary. Albert Victor.

At Liverpool.

Anchises (str.) Glautus (str.)

C. W. Cochrane.

At Glasgow.

Glenagles (str.) Isle of Egin.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, March 24:—

Daylight.—*Washi* leaves for Hoihow.

Noon.—*Djemnah* leaves for Shanghai.

1 p.m.—*Viking* leaves for Yokohama and Hioho.

SUNDAY, March 25:—

Daylight.—*Taiwan* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, March 26:—

10 a.m.—*Salvadora* leaves for Manila.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

Cyphres leaves for Saigon on or about this date.

Goods per *Louisa* Castle undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 28:—

Goods per *Viking* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 29:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Goods per *Djemnah* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

2 p.m.—Sale of Ground, at Queen's Road East.

TUESDAY, April 3:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 14:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the *Sir Harry Parkes* must be sent in to the Agents before Noon.

Auction.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

Shipping.

6 p.m.—*Menzaleh* leaves for Yokohama.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1877.

WE yesterday noticed at length the measure which has just passed the second reading in the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlement for dealing with Chinese immigration. One other bill, of perhaps lesser importance, affecting the Chinese, also passed a second reading at the same time, namely the "Crimping Ordinance." This bill has been drawn mainly to put down kidnapping of coolies for service in the Dutch Settlements and other places. A crimp is made liable to a fine of \$25 for each coolie he meddles with, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for three months, or to both. Over one hundred men known to the police as bad characters are said to be employed in Penang alone in the work of kidnapping, and the bill was introduced in response to a memorial from the planters of Province Wellesley, asking the Government to suppress the evil. The Commission which sat last year to investigate the condition of the Chinese labourers in the Straits expressed their opinion that, whatever may have been the case in former times, they believed that the welfare of the Chinese labourer was as well assured in the Dutch Settlements in Sumatra as in Singapore or Penang, and that there was far more interference on the part of the Government in the former places for the benefit of the coolies than there was on the part of the Straits Government. As we stated yesterday, when noticing the bill for appointing Protectors of Chinese and establishing depots for immigrants, it is no uncommon thing for Chinese to be kidnapped in the Straits and taken to Deli; then kidnapped at Deli and brought back to Penang to be sold over again, so that gangs of coolies are sometimes sold three or four times over by unscrupulous Chinese. The bill, as might be expected, met with no opposition, and has only to pass the formal third reading to become law. Whatever may be said of the fellow bill for appointing Protectors and so on, the value of this

J. Donovan (in the *Audacious* in 1876) to the *Vigilant*, despatch vessel, China; Boat-swain T. Doyle (in the *Audacious* in 1876) to the *Yegira*, sloop, China; Boat-swain G. Turner (in the *Thalia* from 1872 to 1876) to the *Victory*, at Portsmouth; Carpenter C. Phillips (in the *Thalia* from 1872 to 1876) to the *Kady*, building at Hull.

Hamburg, Feb. 6.—Since the gale of the 30th ult. the shipping in general has been favourable to shipping, the air being clear, and only few fogs prevailing. Still we cannot boast of a very satisfactory trade, both arrivals and departures being few in number, and a good many vessels are in port, anxious to get employment. Of arrivals from East India and China not a single one is to be registered; and of departures I have only to report the *Port Luerke*, for Penang. Freight is still low, as outward cargo is wanting, and most vessels are obliged to leave in ballast. In the number of vessels on the berth for the Far East no alteration has taken place.

LIST OF PASSENGERS FOR CHINA.

Per French steamer *Ipangid*, from Marseilles, Feb. 15.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Beazley and two children, Mr. W. Howie, Mr. Gilman, To Hong Kong: Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Morris, Mr. R. B. Blackwell, Hon. Cecil Smith and family, Mr. Otley.

Per French steamer *Sindh*, from Marseilles, March 11.—To Yokohama: Mr. De Geoffroy and suite, Mr. Wolff. To Shanghai: Mr. J. L. Scott, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Vapereux, Mr. J. R. Bromley, Mr. M. P. Evans, Mr. J. Findlay, Mr. Hawes, Mr. F. S. Deacon, Mr. Ballance. To Hong Kong: Mr. F. S. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. May, Mr. J. H. Pinckvill, Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried.

Per French steamer *Meikong*, from Marseilles, March 25.—To Shanghai: Mr. Brunet. To Hong Kong: Mr. O. Sinclair.

Per P. and O. steamer *Nepaul*, from Southampton, Feb. 4.—To Yokohama: Mrs. Ellerton and family, Mr. Rhode, Captain Purvis, R. A. O. steamer *Pera*, from Venice, Feb. 16.—To Shanghai: Mr. R. Anderson.

Per P. and O. steamer *Peshawar*, from Southampton, Feb. 22.—To Shanghai: Mr. A. Capel. To Hong Kong: Mr. and Mrs. Seaford.

Per P. and O. steamer *Indus* from Southampton, March 8.—To Shanghai: Mrs. Lemmohand, Miss Robinson.

Per P. and O. steamer *Malwa*, from Venice, March 9.—To Shanghai (via Bombay): Mr. J. Mosley.

Per steamer *Radnorshire*, from London, Feb. 1.—To Hong Kong: Mr. C. Maries.

Per steamer *Antenor* (Holt's line), from Liverpool, Feb. 4.—To Hong Kong: Rev. Mr. Henderson.

into custody, but the robbed man said all he wanted was his daughters and the stolen property. Remanded till the 28th, communication to be made by Police to Ping-ahow.

HOUSE BREAKING.

Chan Awong, a rice-pounder, was charged with having broken into the coal-store of Ohow Kee at West Point. Three men had gone into the premises by removing the bars of the door, but only the defendant was caught before anything was stolen. Six weeks' hard labour.

A PICK-POCKET.

Wong Atuk, a shoe-maker, was charged with picking the pocket of one Lum Alok and stealing therefrom a silver watch which was afterwards found in one of the defendant's sleeves. Three months' hard labour.

A NICE SERVANT.

Ohow Wa Yu, a servant to Mr. L. L. Bush, godown keeper to Messrs Russell & Co., was charged with robbing his employer. Sergeant Abdul Singh stated that while he was on patrol duty about 9 p.m. yesterday, he saw defendant with a bundle in his hand. On examination it was found to contain a tin of preserved milk, a silk handkerchief, some photographs and a picture. Mr. Bush was communicated with, and he identified the things as having been stolen from the premises. The pictures were cut out from two books. On the way to the Station, the defendant went on his knees to beg the Sergeant to let him off, but the officer was inflexible. Four months' hard labour.

THE TIGER-SKARE.

The two Chinamen charged as suspicious characters by Inspector Cameron, were again brought up. They proved themselves to be known to the people whom they mentioned, and the Magistrate called upon them only to find security in \$5 for one month.

ABANDONING THE POLICE.

Gabriel Hendricks, described as an engineer employed at the New Sugar Refinery, was charged with making a disturbance in a house of ill-fame, and when the Constable arrested him, he struck him, saying: "Don't you know I am a gentleman, you black—!" The defendant said the woman abused him first as he was passing by. He denied that he struck the Constable. Fined \$2.

Canton.

21st March, 1877.

The following Notice was circulated here on the 19th:—

"At the instance of a majority of the Community, the undersigned announces the convening of a Public Meeting at Concordia Hall, on Wednesday next at half-past ten o'clock a.m., for the adoption of measures in relation to the obstruction of the Province of Shantung.—GIDEON NYE."

The explanation of Mr. Nye's individual signature was that he had been requested by a provisional committee of the Missionary body to act with them and ascertain the views of the general community as to a combined canvass of both the native and foreign communities for subscriptions in aid of the object indicated. The other members of that committee being: Rev. Messrs Chalmers, Piercy, Graves and Preston.

DAMAGING TREES.

Tin Aoheng, a goat-keeper, was summoned for allowing goats to destroy Government trees at Wanchi. Lui Afook stated that he was employed in the Surveyor General's Department as a forester. He looked after the trees in the Colony. On the 17th instant, about noon he saw six goats on the Kennedy Road just above Ship Street. They were eating some fir trees which had been planted recently. There was nobody in charge of them. The witness took two of the goats and handed them to the Inspector at Wanchi to be impounded. There were about 60 fir trees at that place with the tops eaten off. All round the place there were about 1,000 trees eaten. They were four inches high. The destruction had been going on for the last 10 days. Since then no plants destroyed. Witnesses therefore believed that it was the defendant's goats which destroyed the 1,000 trees. The Surveyor General had warned a number of goat-herds of the danger of allowing goats to destroy the trees. Mr. Russell adjourned the case for one week to see what further damage might happen.

NUISANCE.

The lessees of the Po Lok Theatre and the Tung Hing Theatre were summoned for keeping their respective establishments in a filthy state. On the 1st floor verandah there were for urinals and two on the upper floor, all emitting an offensive stench. In the Tung Hing Theatre there was a heap of decomposing substance in the cask-room. The latrine there was also in an offensive state. Adjourned till the 26th inst., for the causes of the nuisance to be removed.

A CURIOUS CASE.

Chim Ahee, a fisherman, was charged under the following circumstances. Inspector Matheson stated that he was stationed at Sowkwan. On the 7th inst., a petition was presented to the sitting Magistrate representing that a burglary had taken place in Plug Chow (in Chinese territory) and that two girls were brought to Sowkwan, and the father redeemed them. In the redemption the defendant and a man named Wong Tat Cheong took part. The petition was presented, complaining that portion of the stolen property had not been returned according to the agreement entered into. The Inspector got information on the 21st inst., that defendant was coming to Sowkwan in the passenger boat. Witness went to the steam ferry and arrested the defendant. The defendant stated that the man robbed and whose daughters were carried away, was a clansman of his. He heard something about the girls and that a man named Wong Tat Cheong who resided at Sowkwan would get the girls back. Therefore the defendant went to his clansman, who came to Wong Tat Cheong and the girls were restored to him. Some fishing nets were not restored, so he complained. Defendant had advised him to give Wong Tat Cheong

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times.)

Allahabad, Feb. 12.—A surveying party leaves Dehra next month for the exploration of passes between Kumaon and Tibet. The Kholat escort is to be raised to its original strength in all arms at the headquarters, Quetta. No interference with the internal affairs of the latter is strictly enjoined. The weather here is now reasonable and prospects are brighter.

The Agent of the Russian Governor-General, on entering Cabul territory, demanded the authorities at Tikhapool to deliver certain refugees who had sought protection within it. The matter was referred to the Amir, who refused in polite terms, saying that many Cabul subjects sought refuge in Russian territory.

It is reported that the Commissioner of Kohat has accepted hostages from the Afghans at Hassanahel, who have agreed not to trouble the British again. The intercourse between Kohat and Peshawar, which was recently stopped, has been resumed.

Lahore, Feb. 15.—Major J. E. Huddleston, Paymaster of the Seventieth Regiment, shot himself in Mooltan on Wednesday evening. He was buried on Saturday morning with the usual honors. Temporary insanity is said to be the cause of the rash act.

Lahore, Feb. 16.—Despatches received from Kohat and Rawalpindi, indicate anything but a satisfactory or peaceful solution of the frontier difficulties. A fresh attack has been made by the Russian Khoyls on the bridge of boats at Attock. The British soldiers at Kohat are reported to have decided that nothing will place them on the side of the Government except a return of the land formerly held outside the Kohat Pass, which was originally granted for a period of seven years to the Afghans. The 9th Punjab Infantry are detained at Mianmir en route to Jullundur. The Afghans attacked the boat-bridge at Attock on the night of the 14th, one policeman is reported killed. A fort is likely to be erected at Khran Pass leading into Tihl in the Kandahar Province. The storing of Commissariat stores at Rawalpindi and Kohat continues; position over a lakh monthly to maintain. The rumour is revived that Sir Lewis Pelly will enter Afghanistan, strongly escorted, by the British force.

The Philippines.

(From the Manila Jockey Club)

The members of the Manila Jockey Club are making arrangements for races to take place in April next.

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Bombay, Feb. 20.—The famine report, dated 16th instant, states that there are 238,319 on relief works. The expenditure is 26½ lakhs. Extensive irrigation works have been undertaken. Cholera deaths in the Southern districts amount to 870; laborers have been removed in consequence. More Bengal Civilian have been ordered to Madras.

Lahore, Feb. 21.—Advices from Cabul report that the Amir is waiting impatiently for his minister, and expresses surprise at the delay of Noor Mohamed Shah, and attributes his protracted absence to his not having received a definite reply from the English ambassador. The situation of the Amir is difficult. He feels the absence of his minister, and Russia demands a reply to her proposals. The Amir states that, in consequence of the absence of his minister, he cannot arrive at any conclusion. The Amir regularly assembles in solemn convocation his principal civil and military officers, and reads to them existing passages from the Koran. It is reported that preparations for war on an unprecedented scale are being made at the arsenal. The Amir has issued a proclamation, calling upon his subjects to render assistance in meeting the impending conflict. Despite the severity of the weather, the Amir views his troops daily, and has called upon the Khans of Bonjour to swear fidelity to his throne, same as the Wazeres and Zegistan tribes. The Khans consulted the Akhund, who advised their compliance with the mandate of the Amir to render him assistance in the common cause of Islam. The Akhund, a Norezshah, had an interview with the Akhund and was advised to tender his allegiance in person to the Amir, but the outlaw refused, fearing incarceration, and has left for the mountain fastnesses, but swore friendship to the Akhund. The latter is endeavouring to maintain peace among the infuriated mob, and prays his people to assist each other in supporting the cause of religion and Islam.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—The German Parliament was opened to-day by the Emperor in person, who, in a speech from the throne, said that the concert among the European powers on the Turkish Question justified a confidence that peace would be maintained between the Great Powers, even supposing that the Porte should fail to execute the reforms promised, or that the negotiations for peace should end in failure. His Majesty said that the interests of Germany do not prescribe any finite course to be followed in the Eastern Question, but that she will continue her efforts for the maintenance of European peace and the protection of the Christians in Turkey.

London, Feb. 24.—Mr. Hardy has issued the army estimates for the coming year, giving a total of £14,500,000 sterling, which shows a decrease of £740,000.

Bombay, Feb. 24.—The Government of India have apologized to the Government of Bombay for meddling with the Bombay famine estimates. They compliment Sir Richard Temple, acknowledge the ability with which the local Government has secured the safety of five millions of people, and praise the private relief committee.

Constantinople, Feb. 25.—The Shah of Persia has assured the Porte that the massing of his troops on the frontier is simply to punish the Turcomans. The basis of peace negotiations between Turkey and Serbia is the status quo ante bellum, and the evacuation of the Serbian territory by the Turks twelve days after the armistice ends. No formal treaty has been drawn up; but Prince Milan receives a new firman from the Porte. Negotiations for peace have been opened between Turkey and Montenegro.

London, Feb. 26.—The decrease in Mr. Hardy's army estimates is due to nominal credit being taken for the whole payment by the Indian Government for the British troops serving in India.

Constantinople, Feb. 27.—The armistice between Turkey and Montenegro has been prolonged for twenty days, pending peace negotiations.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The Electoral Commission have given Mr. Hayes the returning vote for South Carolina.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—At a Grand Council which was held yesterday, the Czar presiding, and General Ignatieff being present, it is asserted that it was decided to demobilize the Russian Army when Serbia and Montenegro had signed the peace with Turkey.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—11.33 a.m.—Among notices motion in the House of Commons is one by Alderman MacArthur, proposing to call attention to the state of affairs in Ceylon in relation to the Ecclesiastical Endowments and to move a Resolution.

London, Feb. 28.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Bourne, replying to a question, said that neither the Government nor Count Schouvaloff had received anything confirming the report published by the *Times* of yesterday, that the Russians had decided to demobilize their army when Serbia and Montenegro had signed a truce of peace with Turkey.

Belgrade, Feb. 29.—At the sitting of the Serbian Skoupchtina to-day, the terms of peace as arranged with the Porte were sanctioned.

London, Feb. 28.—The reason assigned for the delay in replying to Prince Gortschakoff's Circular to the Great Powers is because they (the Government) are unwilling to agree to joint action or countenance the isolated action of Russian in the Eastern Question.

Washington, Mar. 1.—A Joint Session of Congress has been held, at which Mr. Hayes was declared President of the United States.

London, Mar. 2.—The report published by the *Times* respecting the demobilization of the Russian army proves to be utterly false; neither was there any Council held as was stated. The British Ironclad fleet has left the Piræus for Malta.

The Viceroy's despatch of the 21st to the Madras Government says he takes the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the zeal and humanity with which the Madras Government and its officers are contending against the famine. He thanks them for the wise and conciliatory spirit in which the suggestions of the Government of India and of Sir Richard Temple have been received. The treasures carried out have yielded highly satisfactory results. His Excellency trusts the officers of the two Governments will loyally co-operate in the performance of the great and difficult duty yet before them.

The total number of persons on relief works in the Madras Presidency in the week ended the 22nd instant was 775,777. There was a decrease in every district except South Arcot. The largest decrease was in Bellary, Chidambur, and Muddur.

London, Mar. 3.—The House of Commons, after a long debate, have agreed, by 170 against 56 votes, a motion to withhold from the declaration of Paris for the abolition of privateering in time of war.

Lord Hamilton, replying to a series of questions from Sir G. Campbell, said the title of Kaiser, as applied to her Majesty in India, was Arabic and not German.

With reference to a new summer residence for the Viceroy, he said that it had already been decided to build one at Simla.

Gerald Fitzgerald, he said, had simply chosen to spend a year's leave in the Khedive's service, in carrying out Mr. Goschen's scheme for the reorganization of the finances of Egypt.

Mr. Heddert, a Liberal candidate, after a closely contested election has been returned for Oldham.

In compliance with the request from the Colonies, Sir Wm. Jervois, Governor of the Straits, has been ordered to Australia to advise as to the best means of improving the defences there.

The reason assigned for the British fleet quitting the Piræus is that the state of politics does not require its presence in the East.

Constantinople, March 3.—The elections commenced yesterday; parliament is convoked for the 12th instant.

The Cretans refuse to send deputies.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

A Hankow correspondent writes that the *Kestrel* is reported to be still badly ashore about 40 miles below Ichang. No news has been received of Mr. King and his party or of their intended movements. The *Monaco*, with the U. S. Consul on board, was to leave for Ichang on the 14th.

We hear reports of renewed disturbances at Ichang, apparently a continuation of the first affair which we mentioned a few days ago, and attributed we believe to the same cause—the premature planting of the boundary stones of the new Concession.

The people have pulled down the house tenanted by the members of the "Inland Mission," and Messrs. Dick and May (the Harbour-master) have been mobbed, with brick-bats and bamboo, and obliged to take refuge in their boats.

A notification from H.B.M.'s Charge d'Affaires at Peking appears in another column, to the effect that the Chinese Government have given information that the ports of Ichang, Wuhu, Wenzhou and Pakhoi will be opened to foreign trade on the 1st April, and that officers of H.B.M.'s Consular Service have been authorized to act temporarily as British Consuls at those places from and after the above date. The Customs arrangements at the six places of opening have not yet been completed, the date from which these will be accessible remains to be fixed.

THE CHINA COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

A General Meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company was held at the office of the General Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) on the 16th March, to receive a statement of the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1876, and to transact any other business that might be brought forward.

Mr. J. Bell-Irving presided, and the following were also present:—Messrs. A. J. How, J. Wilson, E. Gipperich, L. Moore, C. Rivington, W. Paterson, R. S. Gundry, F. G. White, P. Orme, and Kung-kee. The number of shares represented was 3,766.

The Chairman—The Report and Accounts now before you explain themselves, and as they have been in your hands for some time, I presume they may be taken as read. I think the Shareholders will admit that the Directors pursued a wise policy and acted best for their interests in recommending the non-payment of a dividend on the present occasion. It is much better to write the Company's feet down to its true value than to bolster it up for the sake of paying a dividend, however acceptable that may be, and if the Shareholders confirm the Directors' recommendation, I consider the position of the Company will be better than it ever has been. Since the purchase of the S. S. N. Co.'s fleet by the China Merchants' Company, I am happy to say that a satisfactory tariff has been arranged with the Native Company, and prospects for this season are much brighter than they were. I may explain that the working account has been most affected by the inward freights. The amount collected shows a falling off of £12,000 from that of the previous year, and this is mainly due to the stagnation of trade in the North prior to the Chetoo Convention. The saving of coal resulting from new machinery to the *Appin* is about 90 tons per month or say £15,000 per annum. The *Sin Naning* is a great favorite with Chinese passengers, and the *Europe*, since the alterations made to her, is equally so with foreigners. I shall be most happy to give whatever further information may be required.

The report of which the following is a copy, was taken as read:—

"The Directors now beg to submit to the Shareholders a statement of the Company's Accounts for the 12 months ended 31st December 1876, which they are sorry to state compare unfavourably with those of preceding years.

"During the early part of the Northern season the earnings of the steamers were fairly good, but it was subsequently found necessary to lower the scale of freight in order to retain a fair share of the business, and although owing to the failure of the crops in the Northern provinces, the amount of outward cargo available has been exceptionally large, it was carried at barely remunerative rates. In consequence of this trade the inward traffic receipts show a considerable falling off, and the interests of the Company have also been unfavourably affected by the opposition on the Foochow line.

"The Working Account shows a profit of £15,163.80, which it is proposed to transfer to the Company's 'Steamer Property Account,' as the Directors regret that in view of the loss on the sale of the S. S. *Dragon*, and the amount at present due to the General Agents owing to payments for ballast of purchase money of the S. S. *Sin Naning* and the extensive alterations to the *Europe* and *Appin*, they are unable to recommend the payment of any dividend for the past year. The amount at credit of the *Europe* Fund (£15,624/10) remains

undisturbed, and the Underwriting Fund has been increased to £12,445.95, exclusive of a small claim upon the local Insurance Offices, the exact amount of which is not yet ascertained.

"The working of the new steamer *Sin Naning* has been satisfactory, and the results obtained from the improved machinery supplied to the S. S. 'Appin' have fully equalled the anticipation expressed in the last report, while the cost of the necessary repairs at the close of the Northern season has been unusually small.

"In view of the approaching transfer of the steamers of the Shanghai Steam Navigation Company to the other competing Steam Ship Company trading to the North, the General Agents have established by amiable arrangement an improved scale of freights, which they trust may enable them to employ the Company's fleet more profitably during the coming season.

The Chairman proposed "That the report and accounts of the directors for the year ending 31st December, 1876, as presented and circulated, be accepted and passed."

The proposition was carried.

Mr. Gundry said shareholders might be interested to know the circumstances of the opposition on the Foochow line in the autumn. It was understood that the profits then lost would have sufficed to pay a dividend.

The Chairman said that as far as was ascertained, the opposition was caused by another Company, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, sharing the profits of the line. It had been understood that large profits were made, and the Commodore of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire influenced a number of shippers here to charter a steamer. The loss caused by the opposition, amounted to £7,000. Freight was then reduced so low that the other steamer was obliged to leave; the China Merchants also having a steamer on the Foochow line. He thought there was room for both steamers, especially as the port of Wenchow would be opened on the first of next month, and steamers from Foochow would be able to call there.—*Shanghai Courier.*

DUPLICATE TELEGRAPH LINES.

The cable by which the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company are about to duplicate first section of their line by laying one of about 870 nautical miles between Rangoon and Penang has been shipped on board the steamer *Kangaroo* and *Hibernia*, belonging to the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company. The effect of this extension will be to establish upon a completely reliable footing the telegraphic communication between India and the Far East, the interruptions in which have caused so much inconvenience to the mercantile communities both here and abroad—one interruption having lasted six months and necessitated the conveyance of telegrams part of the way by steamers. It is to be hoped that as opportunity offers, the system will be further extended, as experience has demonstrated beyond question that single lines cannot be relied upon, and are a source of considerable loss, not only to the merchants dependent upon their working, but also to the companies themselves. The Eastern Telegraph Company, the duplication of whose lines is now being rapidly completed, lost as much as £30,000 by the above-mentioned interruption, and something like £40,000 by breakdowns on their own lines during the visit of the Prince of Wales to India; all of which loss would have been avoided had the lines been duplicated. So fully have the shareholders of the Eastern Company recognised the desirability of following this policy that they have come forward willingly to subscribe the requisite capital on preference shares. It is to be hoped that ere long similar steps may be taken by the Great Northern Company to duplicate the line between Hongkong and Shanghai, the interruptions upon which have been so frequent and troublesome. We make no doubt that the time is not far distant when all telegraph cables will be duplicated, and constant communication with all parts of the world be thus secured.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 22, 1877.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash... \$585
New Benares, cash... 550
New Malwa, cash... 555
" credit, 560
Allowance Tails, 16 s 40
Old Malwa, cash... 580
" credit, 585
Allowance Tails, 16 s 32

CAMPION, ... 16 80
QUICKSILVER, ... 62
SALT PETRE, ... 8 s 6 3/4

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 8 9/4
" 30 days' sight, ... 8 1/10
" 6 months' sight, ... 8 1/4
Credits, ... 8 1/11
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 8 1/11
Bombay, ... 8 1/11
Calcutta, ... 8 1/11
Shanghai, demand, ... 7 1/2
" 30 days, ... 7 1/2
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. 2, ... 9 1/2 prem.
Mexicans, ... 8 1/2 nom.
Gold Leaf, ... 80 2/3
English Sovereigns, ... 5 1/8
Australasian Sovereigns, ... 5 1/8
Discount, ... 7 s 9

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 31
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$50
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Chinese Imperial Loan, £108

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BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.184
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.060
Do. 10 P.M. ... 30.056
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 65
Do. 4 P.M. ... 68
Do. 10 P.M. ... 68
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 64
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" Head, 600 500

" Heart, 150 140

" Feet, 50 40

" Kidneys, 60 50

" Tail, 100 90

" Liver, catty 80 60

" Tripe (undressed), catty 50 40

Calves' Head and Feet, set 500 400

Lams, American, lb. 300 250

" Chinese, 180 170

" English, 360 340

Mutton Chop, 180 170

" Leg, 180 170

" Shoulder, 130 120

" Liver, 130 120

Pigs' Chittlings, catty 60 50

" Feet, 100 9